GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF KALANDARS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a scheme for the rehabilitation of kalandars exist in the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation where they are given loans/grants when they surrender their animals;

(b) if so, the amount of money disbursed to kalandars through this scheme;

(c) the number of kalandars being benefited with this scheme;

(d) whether any action has been taken to inform the kalandars living in villages about the existence of such a scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation had formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of Kalandars in Faridabad district of Haryana to be implemented by its State Channelising Agency i.e. Haryana Backward Classes & Economically Weaker Section Kalyan Nigam (HBCKN). HBCKN organized a workshop where the Kalandars were intimated abou the details of the scheme and were asked to adopt some other occupations and surrender their animals. Eight Kalandars were given training regarding driving of auto-rickshaws. However, the scheme could not be made a success, as Kalandars were either reluctant to surrender the animals or demanded huge money as cost of compensation before surrendering their animals.